Vegetarian Chili

This vegetarian chili is still every bit as warm, comforting, and filling as a classic beef chili. Three types of beans do the heavy lifting in the chili and "beef" it up. It's filled with warm spices vegetables, cheese, and you can add jalapeño to add a little extra heat. As we get ready for cold winter nights serve this heart warming chili with a slice of homemade cornbread. This recipe will yield 6 to 8 servings and it will only take 10 minutes of prep time and an hour or so to cook and simmer.

INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

1 onion, chopped

1 red bell pepper, chopped

2 carrots, peeled and finely chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 tbsp. tomato paste

1 (15.5-oz.) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed

1 (15.5-oz.) can black beans, drained and rinsed

1 (15.5-oz.) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed

1 (28-oz.) can fire roasted tomatoes

3 c. vegetable broth

2 tbsp. chili powder

1 tbsp. cumin

2 tsp. oregano

Himalayan salt (to taste)

Freshly ground black pepper(to taste)

Shredded cheddar, for serving

Sour cream, for serving

Cilantro, for serving

DIRECTIONS

In a large pot over medium heat, heat olive oil then add onion, bell pepper, and carrots. Sauté until soft about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute.

Add tomato paste and stir to coat vegetables. Add tomatoes, beans, broth, and seasonings. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Bring to a boil then reduce heat and let simmer, 30 minutes.

Serve with cheese, sour cream, and cilantro.